

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Ryan et al.

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT BEING FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 29, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.